

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A processing system comprising:
 - a processor that is adapted to write compressed data;
 - a volatile memory device coupled to communicate with the processor;
 - a non-volatile memory device coupled to receive the compressed data from the processor,the non-volatile memory device further connected ~~coupled~~ to transfer data to the volatile memory device over a dedicated bus without intervention by another device; and
 - a decompression circuit provided in the non-volatile memory device to decompress the data being transferred to the volatile memory device.
2. (original) The processing system of claim 1 wherein the volatile memory device initiates the data transfer.
3. (original) The processing system of claim 1 wherein the non-volatile memory device is a flash memory device.
4. (original) The processing system of claim 1 wherein the processor is coupled to store compressed data in the volatile memory device.
5. (original) The processing system of claim 1 wherein volatile memory device is a dynamic random access memory.
6. (currently amended) A processing system comprising:
 - a processor that is adapted to write compressed data;
 - a synchronous memory device coupled to communicate with the processor via a synchronous bus;
 - a flash memory device coupled to receive the compressed data from the processor via a serial bus and communicate with the synchronous memory device, wherein the flash memory device transfers data to the synchronous memory device over a dedicated bus without intervention by another device; and
 - a decompression circuit provided in the flash memory device to decompress the data while transferring to the synchronous memory device.

7. (original) The processing system of claim 6 wherein the synchronous memory device initiates the data transfer.
8. (original) The processing system of claim 7 wherein the synchronous memory device provides a system reset signal to the processor after the data is transferred from the flash memory device.
9. (original) The processing system of claim 6 wherein the synchronous memory device is an SDRAM.
10. (original) The processing system of claim 6 wherein the synchronous memory device is an RDRAM.
- 11 – 15 (cancelled)
16. (currently amended) A processor system power-up method comprising:
 - detecting a power-up condition with a reset controller and providing a reset signal to a synchronous memory;
 - using the synchronous memory, initiating a data transfer, over a dedicated bus without intervention by another device, from a flash memory that comprises a decompression capability to the synchronous memory in response to the reset signal;
 - using the decompression capability of the flash memory, decompressing data stored in the flash memory while transferring the data to the synchronous memory; and
 - providing a system reset signal from the synchronous memory to a processor after the data has been transferred.
17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the synchronous memory is coupled to the processor via a synchronous bus.
18. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the synchronous memory is coupled to the processor via a synchronous bus.

19. (currently amended) A method of loading a synchronous dynamic random access memory (SDRAM) comprising:

using the SDRAM, initiating a data transfer from a flash memory to the synchronous dynamic random access memory over a dedicated bus without intervention by another device;
and

decompressing data stored in the flash memory while transferring the data to the synchronous dynamic random access memory; and

providing a system reset signal from the SDRAM to a processor after the data has been transferred.

20. (currently amended) A method of loading a synchronous rambus dynamic random access memory (RDRAM) comprising:

using the RDRAM, initiating a data transfer from a flash memory, comprising a decompression capability, to the synchronous rambus dynamic random access memory in response to the reset signal, the data transfer occurring over a dedicated bus between the flash memory and the synchronous rambus dynamic random access memory without intervention by another device;

using the decompression capability, decompressing data stored in the flash memory while transferring the data to the synchronous rambus dynamic random access memory; and

providing a system reset signal from the RDRAM to a processor after the data has been transferred.